

Heard Counsel for the parties. Perused the record. It is seen that the members of the rival political group were the aggressors. They came to the farm house of Balkrishna Dhonduraul, who was going to contest Zilla Parishad election. That group was led by the Sitting MLA who opened fire. It is not necessary to describe all the events, which are relevant for the companion

matter. So far as the present application is concerned, the Applicants are involved in offence as registered by Satish Dattatraya Sakpal, who claims to be driver of the said Sitting MLA. On reading the complaint as a whole, there is substance in the submission canvassed on behalf of the Applicants that this complaint has been lodged as afterthought and counterblast to the complaint filed by Balkrishna Raul regarding the involvement of the said MLA and his associates named in the said complaint. Besides, on perusing the injury certificates produced before me, it is seen that the members of the opposite political group have sustained only simple injuries, which may have been perhaps because of stone pelting, whereas the property of the said Balkrishna Dhondur Raul has been damaged extensively as can be seen from the spot panchnama. Taking overall view of the matter, the fact that as many as 63 persons have been named as accused in the complaint, which appears to be counterblast and to falsely implicate them persuades me to take the view that the Applicants are entitled for being enlarged on anticipatory bail on strict

conditions in the following terms.

(A) The Applicants are granted anticipatory bail in connection with CR.No. I-3/2005 registered with Mahad Taluka Police Station on executing personal bond in the sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) each with two local sureties in the like amount.

(B) The Applicants shall regularly report to the investigating officer daily for a period of one week between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and thereafter as and when called upon by the investigating officer for the purpose of investigation and shall extend necessary co-operation to the investigating officer for the investigation.

(C) The Applicants shall not influence prosecution witnesses or tamper with the prosecution evidence in any manner whatsoever.

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. Application disposed of on the above terms.